



Fit for flight



Guy Edwards, 12th Maintenance Directorate, makes adjustments on the control system for the T-6 Texan II engine. (Photo by Steve White)

Warrior Deployment Training prepares troops for real combat

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

When the next group of Randolph people receive orders to deploy to locations around the world, they will have had some of the best pre-deployment training available anywhere.

Under the leadership of 1st Lt. Camille LaDrew, assistant deployment officer and program manager assigned to the 12th Logistics Readiness Division, the wing has taken the lead in developing a course to prepare people for the environment in which they will live during their deployment.

"This is not just another exercise," said Col. John Hesterman, 12th Flying Training Wing commander. "This warrior deployment training is vitally important for the safety and survival of every member we deploy. I want to impress on every commander the need to communicate this reality to our people."

The Air Force has not yet adopted a standard for this kind of pre-deployment training, so the 12th LRD designed the course that will be offered here for the second time on August 4 and 5.

Drawing on the experience of the first time it was

presented, the course now will start at 7 a.m. and have the chemical gear portion of the course – the part when the trainees experience the greatest physical discomfort – in the morning hours, before the afternoon heat sets in.

"While it may be 96 degrees here in the afternoon, and the chem gear effectively adds another ten degrees," Lieutenant LaDrew explained, "that still is less than the temperature in the shade in Iraq, if you can find any shade. Our purpose isn't to see how much heat people can take, but preparing people for a real threat is better than making them learn it in combat conditions."

The 12th Medical Group will have people in the training area during the course to care for people who are over-heated or have other medical needs. The buddy care lessons also include information about caring for others in the heat as well as those with combat injuries.

The key to this training, as well as to living in southwest Asia, Lieutenant LaDrew said, is to drink water before and during exposure to the heat. During the first class, only one person required medical treatment beyond that available on site.

The course includes hands-on training in

bandaging wounds in the field, moving wounded people under combat conditions, wearing the chemical gear and identifying and marking contaminated areas.

There is also training in how to handle weapons in combat scenarios, but does not include live fire in the deployment training area. There are lessons in how to use force and information about weapons of mass destruction and improvised explosive devices. Members of the local Office of Special Investigations will also present information about some steps to take to counter the threat of terrorism in the field.

Overall, the critique responses of the trainees in the first class were favorable, the vast majority of them indicating satisfaction with the course content.

Some trainees in the first class said the Meals Ready to Eat, the famous MREs, were really very good and suggested there be more of them in future classes.

Mr. James Grobe, chief of the 12th LRD Installation Readiness Flight, said the support they received from all the base units during the first iteration of the class was excellent.

"Our program is one that other bases can learn from," he said. "The end goal, though, is to save lives. That's what we're all about."

12th Flying Training Wing Training Status										
Pilot Instructor Training <small>As of Monday</small>			Navigator, EWO Students				Wing Flying Hour Program			
			562nd FTS		563rd FTS		Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
Squadron	Seniors	Overall	CSO/NFO		CSO		Graduate EWO			
99th FTS	4.0	0.9	USAF	236	OPS	43	International	6	T-1A	9830.9 9949.4 12,184
558th FTS	-4.4	-1.8	Navy	55	Advanced EW	22	EW Course	12	T-6A	13862.4 14116.8 17,290
559th FTS	-7.0	-4.0	International	3	Integration	22	Intro to EW	0	T-37B	7335.6 7427.5 8,444
560th FTS	2.0	1.5	Total in Training	294		87		18	T-38C	7894.5 7933.3 10,204
Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.			Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of combat systems officer students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.					The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2004 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2005.		

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Col. John Hesterman
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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By Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) – After more than 26 years of motorcycle riding and 21-plus years of service, I've given up wearing my helmet. It's not that I don't see any value in it. I just happened to sell my bike. Had you for a minute, didn't I?

Well, some of our Air Force folks seem to think they can just hang their helmet up because their state doesn't have a helmet law. They seem to think that just because other people don't wear a helmet, they don't have to.

They're wrong. And if they don't watch it, they could end up dead wrong.

Last year, an NCO from Hill AFB, Utah, was riding through Colorado on his way to Sturgis, S.D. The weather was beautiful as he rode over the Rockies. At some point along his ride, he decided he didn't need to wear his helmet. He was wrong, dead wrong. He left behind a



family, friends and coworkers.

It's always a given when we lose someone in a motorcycle crash that the biker's family suffers. The rider's lapse in judgment evolved from a conscious thought that his or her actions were the right course to take. How would one come to the decision that taking a perfectly good helmet off one's head is the right decision?

I propose the decision to remove a helmet is entirely selfish. "I don't like wearing a helmet." "It's too hot." "I disagree with the Air Force's requirement for me to wear a helmet when I'm riding." To all of which I say, "So what?"

It doesn't matter what you think. Do you question the

Air Force's dress and appearance standards? Do you question your deployment training requirements? Do you question the rules and standards of performing your duties? No, probably not, because it's not a matter of personal choice. You joined the Air Force voluntarily and, in doing so, swore – or affirmed – to obey "the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

Wearing a helmet is one of those orders according to Air Force Instruction 91-207, The U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program.

Ignorance is no excuse. Each of us, whether we ride or not, is responsible for knowing the standards.

Peers play a huge role in compliance, which ultimately means they play a huge role in saving lives.

Supervisors, your mission is at stake. Lose a person to a mishap for a few weeks or months and somebody has to pull up the slack. Lose them

forever and you're faced with answering that "What if I ...?" question for the rest of your life.

Commanders, the responsibility lies with you. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper has issued marching orders for mentorship programs, safety training and compliance. You are the buck and it stops here. Ensure your people know the standards and hold your supervisors accountable for enforcing them. You could be saving a life in the process.

Riders, if you're active duty, Air National Guard or Reserve, ride by the rules. It doesn't matter whether you agree with them or not. To selfishly decide you don't need to comply with Air Force safety requirements is to jeopardize not only your life, but the security of our nation.

So mount up, ride by example and don't hang your helmet up until you're done with your ride.

(Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)

Vision of duty clear in light of world events

By Chief Master Sgt. Scoot Kelley
Air Education and Training Command



Many have relayed their personal stories of Sept. 11, 2001. Mine is really no different except it provided clarity and peace of mind on why I chose to make the United States Air Force a life choice. Specifically, it was the news events on the following day that changed my life forever.

Through the years I have sometimes questioned the decision to remain on active duty and endure the personal and family hardships we all face as a military family. Sept. 12, 2001, erased

those doubts forever.

I was stationed at Thule Air Base, Greenland, but was attending an air traffic control conference in Destin, Florida. The conference kicked off on Sept. 11 but was immediately cancelled due to world events.

I was trying to secure transportation back to my duty station but all air

traffic was suspended. I woke up early the next day, went through my morning workout routine and flicked the television on after I had showered. The news media was showing scenes of tremendous support by the American people. You saw the patriotism of everyday Americans trying to do their part to help in this tragedy that had unfolded. Everyone was searching to find a way to help out our country.

That's when it became clear! I had made the right choice. I did not have to worry about what my part would be or what I could do to help out our great

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Congratulations Retirees

July 25

Master Sgt. Raphael Simmons
Air Education and Training Command

July 26

Col. Tim Schmidt
19th Air Force

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What do you do when no one is watching?

By Special Agent Jason Engholm
Air Force Office of Special Investigations

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) – When you think of the expectations you have for your organization, superiors, peers and subordinates, what comes to mind? What core belief, beyond any other, are you adamant on to the last stand?

Of course, many of us would be able to rattle off the Air Force core values without a thought or extra breath. However, maybe there is something even deeper, yet more simplistic, than those three bold statements. Something like, "Do the right thing, even when no one is watching."

Several years ago while working at an office in Europe, I heard a new Air Force Office of Special Investigations region commander explain his expectations for OSI agents in Europe. During his speech, he methodically returned to his basic standpoint of above all else, "Do the right thing."

No matter if it was during a witness interview, while conducting threat assessments in Latvia or performing background investigation checks in Germany, he always said, "Do the right thing." I, along with many others who heard that

commander speak, have taken that bit of professional and personal advice to heart. I now feel that subtle, yet powerful, phrase is the key to a strong ethical code.

So, how do you follow this code and make the right choices and actions? Is there a magic formula or an instruction that outlines how a person should make decisions and act? No, unfortunately there is not. We must depend on our training, personal integrity and commitment to each other.

To abide by this expectation, we have to remain true to our training and cannot cut corners, bend the rules or stretch the truth. For example, at a recent meeting, I witnessed a foreign national counterpart decline alcohol refreshments because his commander – hundreds of miles away – issued an order that prohibited his nation's personnel from consuming alcohol while in theater.

Even though others were able to indulge, and there was little chance anyone would find out, my friend stuck to his personal obligation to do the right thing. I respect my friend for his courage and commitment to duty.

In addition to staying true to the rules of our profession, we must insist on the integrity to take the path of the challenging right over the simple

wrong. For instance, when we are performing duty within the restricted area on the flightline and observe someone who may be unauthorized, we must put forth the extra effort to challenge the individual rather than letting the next technician confront that person. Although we are busy, that extra effort sets us above other professions. In the end, an honorable life is more rewarding than an easy one.

The last portion of this expectation is to have the yearning and commitment to watch out for each other. Simple things such as replenishing paper towels in the bathrooms and engaging each other in conversations about life can accomplish this.

We should exploit the chance to mentor and develop each person and grade at every opportunity and share the principles of leadership and management regardless of our own rank. We must develop and nurture the people we work with as we perform as a team to uphold the high expectations we have for our profession and selves.

"Do the right thing." It is a simple approach to life that is the critical core to a strong ethical code. By living by this philosophy, we remain faithful to our vocation, ourselves and each other.

Vision

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nation. I was doing it at that moment.

Over a year later, I was at Kandahar, Afghanistan, with a team of air traffic controllers. We were embedded with a special Marine Corps air control

squadron. Those Marines were some of the most professional military men and women I've ever been associated with. The next couple of months we went through the mundane camp life and hardships that follow.

I had the opportunity to spend a lot of time talking with my young troops. One of the things we talked about was what it means to be in any career-field

in the Air Force. Our ultimate purpose for wearing the Air Force uniform is to be able to project American might at a forward location at a moments notice. We are paid by the American public to use our particular technical skills on their behalf to protect our nation. We have an awesome obligation to be willing and ready to deploy.

The next time you think about our

pay, benefits or entitlements, think about this ... What is your life worth--a million dollars, 2 million dollars? None of us can ever be compensated monetarily for what we are asked to sacrifice. That being said, the pride of doing your part for our great nation is priceless. Thank you all for what you do for our nation every day. Be ready! I'm proud to serve with you!

News

Community leaders experience diverse Air Force mission

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Twenty-eight local civic leaders climbed aboard a KC-135 Stratotanker on the Randolph flightline July 20 as they embarked on a two-day journey to get a broader perspective of the Air Force mission.

The group; comprised of local business representatives, mayors, chambers of commerce members and educators, as well as the 12th Flying Training Wing commander, Col. John Hesterman, visited Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., and Offutt AFB, Neb., as part of the Randolph 2005 Civic Leader Tour.

"We had a great group," Colonel Hesterman said. "Our Public Affairs professionals planned a wonderful trip and the folks at Whiteman and Offutt provided world-class hospitality and a tremendous education for some of our leading citizens and biggest Randolph supporters. We all left with a better understanding of our Air Force and Department of Defense missions and capabilities."

While at Whiteman, the community leaders had a first-hand look at the B-2 Spirit and its mission, including a flight simulator ride and weapons load



Tech. Sgt. Phil Fleming from the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB, Mo., briefs civic leaders underground at a Minuteman II control center, which is now a museum. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Angelic Cardenas)

demonstration. The group also ventured underground to see the Oscar-01 Launch Control Facility, a Minuteman II Intercontinental Ballistic Missile weapon system control center (now a museum).

While at Offutt, the group visited the Air Force Weather Agency and U.S. Strategic Command, also getting a peek at the E-6 Mercury, an airborne command post for fleet ballistic missile submarines, as well as a command

post for all STRATCOM assets.

"It was good to see how our military resources are being put to use and in what form," said Robert Tobias, City of Live Oak economic development director. "It was also a great experience touring the B-2, RC-135 V/W Rivet Joint and other aircraft. I continue to be impressed by the quality of our enlisted personnel, officers and the technological scope of our military operations."

Belinda Frisk, Canyon Lake Community Resource and Recreation Center 2nd vice president, echoed Mr. Tobias' sentiments.

"I'm so glad I didn't let this once in a lifetime opportunity slip by," she said. "Having not been from a military background, everything was a brand new experience. I didn't think I could be any prouder or more patriotic when it came to our military and pride for our country, but I believe I am."

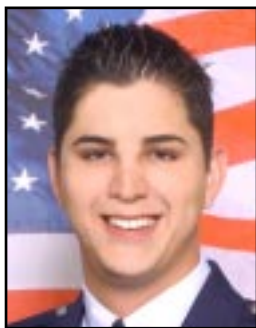
According to Susan Gandy, 12th FTW community relations division chief, the event took a lot of planning and coordination with different agencies for it to run smoothly.

"We started planning this tour six months ago to ensure our community leaders could see and learn as much as possible," said Ms. Gandy. "For the most part, the community understands how Randolph works and what our mission is. This tour just gave them a broader spectrum of the Air Force and other bases' missions."

The civic leader tour program is designed to increase public awareness of the Air Force's roles and missions and its stewardship of national resources, Ms. Gandy said. Community leaders attend on a volunteer basis and pay for their own meals and lodging.



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MC-130
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NEWS BRIEFS

Money available for equipment

Air Education and Training Command has money left in the Productivity Enhancing Capital Investment program to fund equipment needs. FASCAP is for projects up to \$200,000 with a payback in two years and PEF is used for projects exceeding \$200,000 with a payback in four years. To determine eligibility, refer to Air Force Instruction 38-301 or call the manpower and organization flight at 652-2590, extension 3066.

Members can ship second POV

Military members with dependents and a second privately owned vehicle can ship a second POV during permanent change of stations within the continental United States. The member will make all the arrangements for the shipment and then claim it on their travel voucher as a reimbursement. For questions, call Master Sgt. Anita Miles at 652-1858.

Free hunting and fishing license

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is authorized to issue the combination hunting and fishing license free to qualifying active duty military members. This special license, normally costing \$60, will be available at approximately 2,000 license agents across the state starting Aug. 15. For more information, call the license team at 1-800-792-1112.

Volunteers sought

The Jewish Community Center of San Antonio hosts the international Maccabi Games, an Olympic-style event is for Jewish teenagers from around the world, August 7-12. Volunteers, 15 years of age and up, are needed for registration, events and as chaperones at evening social activities. The sporting events are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Carol Thienpont at 302-6834 or Maccabi Central at 302-6906.

Chief Master Sgt. to be reassigned

Chief Timmothy Dickens, 19th Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt, has received orders for assignment to be the Senior Enlisted Advisor at the Defense Information Systems Agency in Arlington, Va., effective Sept. 2.

CSO graduation set for today

Eighteen Air Force and 14 Navy aviators receive their navigator and naval flight officer wings during a Combat Systems Officer graduation ceremony here today. The ceremony is at 10 a.m. in the Randolph Officers' Club. The guest speaker is Navy Capt. Richard Heimerle. Captain Heimerle is the commander of the Patrol Squadron Thirty, the U.S. Navy's Maritime Patrol Fleet Replacement Squadron, located in Jacksonville, Fla.

The captain previously served as chief of the Israel and Africa Political Military Affairs Branch and was named Action Officer of the Year in 2000 for his work on the United Nations crisis in Sierra Leone. Col. Richard Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander, and Col. John Newell, 12th Operations Group commander, are presenting the students with their respective service's silver wings or gold wings and four special awards during the ceremony for student achievement.

COMMANDER CONNECTION

This column is intended to unofficially introduce new unit commanders to the base community.

Lt. Col. James Wisnowski

Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron commander



- **Date of command:** July 29, 2005
- **Unit mission:**
AFOMS develops all Air Force enlisted promotion tests for the Weighted Airman Promotion System and serves as the focal point for the Airman Handbook and the USAF Promotion Fitness and Supervisory Examination study guides. The squadron also conducts analysis of all enlisted and select officer, joint service and civilian specialties to support Air Force personnel and training programs.
- **Hometown:**
South Windsor, Conn.
- **Key to success in the Air Force:**
A positive attitude that stems from a firm belief in what we do. Success follows pretty easily when you're committed and enjoy what you do.

- **Vision for the unit:**
To continue to provide outstanding support to the Air Force across all of our assigned missions and enthusiastically apply the same level of excellence to new opportunities.
- **Previous assignments:**
Joint Staff, J-8, Pentagon, Washington
Department of Mathematical Sciences, USAF Academy
Air Force Institute of Technology, Tempe, Ariz.
- **Most memorable military experience:**
Commanding a squadron of incoming Air Force Academy cadets and their cadre during basic training. It was awesome participating in the dynamics as the upper class cadets transformed civilians into exceptional cadets.

USAF Test Pilot School selection board date set

The Air Force plans to hold its next test pilot school selection board at the Air Force Personnel Center here Nov. 28 to Dec. 2 for classes beginning in July 2006 and January 2007.

The U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School trains pilots, navigators and civilian and military engineers to test and evaluate the newest aircraft and weapons systems.

Applicants from all aircraft types and backgrounds must have strong academic and technical experience, along with a desire to help develop the

next generation of Air Force weapons and weapons systems.

Air Force officers and civilians eligible for TPS can volunteer for a joint Air Force Institute of Technology and test pilot school program leading to a master of science degree in aeronautical, electrical or computer engineering.

Selected officers will enter AFIT for a special program then continue on to the regular test pilot school curriculum 15 months later.

All officers eligible in accordance

with Air Force Instruction 99-107, Test Pilot School, may apply. Officers who currently have an application on file must update it as specified in AFI 99-107.

New applications and updated information must arrive no later than Oct. 14 at HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West, Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4733. Applications received after the cut-off date will not be considered by the selection board.

Applicants should advise their commanders and/or supervisors who

are providing recommendations on an AF Form 1712, Special Flying Programs Recommendation, of the application deadline.

Only those applicants available for reassignment who also meet time-on-station requirements will be considered.

For more information on application procedures, call the AFPC Special Flying Programs Office at 565-2330 or visit www.edwards.af.mil/TPS/.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

Air Force Reserve seeks applicants for full-time duty

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Air Force Reserve officials are looking for officers and enlisted people to fill full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions.

In the past 15 years, the number of slots has increased from 400 to more than 1,900 authorizations.

"We have opportunities in many specialties but a larger concentration in career fields such as security forces, combat rescue, intelligence, maintenance, space, pilot and personnel," said Maj. Dawn Sutor, deputy director of the office of

Air Force Reserve's AGR management office. "Currently, Air Force Reserve Command's hard-to-fill positions are in security forces, intelligence and combat rescue. We are actively seeking volunteers for these programs."

Reservists in the AGR program serve under the authority of Title 10 of the U.S. Code and receive most of the benefits afforded to the active force. They qualify for an active-duty retirement, provided they attain career status and can serve 20

years active federal military service.

The program offers tours of duty on the Air Staff; AFRC headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; Air Reserve Personnel Center headquarters in Denver; in AFRC units; and with other major commands.

Information about vacancies and application procedures, as well as more details on the program, is available on the AFRC Web site under job opportunities at www.afrc.af.mil/.

(Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

10 YEARS AGO in the Wingspread

- ☆ The Air Force approved an Air Education and Training Command initiative to convert the 12th Flying Training Wing's military and civilian aircraft maintenance operation to an all civil service force in fiscal year 1996.
- ☆ The 12th Transportation Squadron was named the 1994 National Defense Transportation Association Military Unit of the year. In addition to maintaining a 96 percent vehicle in commission rate, the unit participated in several voluntary off-base activities that helped it earn the honor.
- ☆ The Army and Air Force Exchange Service celebrated its 100th anniversary. The first war department order establishing a system of post exchanges was dated July 25, 1895. The first exchange on Randolph Field was temporarily located in the building that had been a roadside

café during the base construction. In 1995, the Randolph exchange building, Bldg. 200, built in 1931, still housed the Class VI store, military clothing sales, Detachment 4 of the Office of Special Investigations and the 12th Security Police training offices. During the birthday celebration, the Randolph exchange held a drawing for a 20-inch television set.

☆ Two Randolph staff sergeants, Thomas Allen and George Smith, were among 16 Army, Navy and Air Force members who completed a grueling, five-day competition at Camp Bullis and earned the Army's Expert Field Medical Badge. Although 250 people had signed up for the competition, only 75 completed the intensive written examination that preceded the field exercises. The two Air Force medics are instructors in the Joint Medical Readiness Training Center at Camp Bullis.

BATTLE of the GROUPS

The Battle of the Groups competition kicked off as part of the Operation Summer Survivor: Xtreme Challenge campaign which runs through Sept. 5.

The goal of the competition is for base organizations that belong to 12th Flying Training Wing Groups or Directorates to gather as many points as they can by performing different safety checks or safety related events around base.

GROUP	TOTAL
MDG	2,469.80
MSG	443.00
OG	1,714.14
MX	1,035.30

A measure of success: Davison logs 42 years

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The members of Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron impact the lives of everyone who has taken an Air Force Promotion Fitness Examination or a Specialty Knowledge Test.

For one such member, the years of exams and testings have come to an end.

Edwin Davison, a test management psychologist with the AFOMS here, retires today after 42 years of combined federal service.

Mr. Davison is responsible for the annual review and revision of 36 maintenance-related SKTs and he also managed the PFEs and Supervisory Examinations during the early years of the Weighted Airman Promotion System.

"I am always amazed at the professionalism of the senior NCOs who come here to work on the teams that construct each new test revision," he said. "But at the same time, I feel especially proud when they say something about wishing they had known earlier in their careers who writes the tests and how carefully they are constructed. These promotion tests have always been developed by senior NCOs who are specialists in their own career fields. My job as a psychologist was just to help them create fair and effective test questions to measure how much examinees know about their specialty."

Mr. Davison began his association with the Air

Force during his college years when he held a part time job at James Connally Air Force Base in Waco, Texas. He was attending the University of Texas in Austin where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology in 1962. The Hillsboro, Texas, native then signed up to attend Officer Training School.

He served four years as a security police operations officer and two years as a military training instructor at OTS. He recalled that among the officers he commissioned was an outstanding young man who went on to play professional basketball with the New York Knicks, then went to the U. S. Senate and ran for the presidency in 2000 – Senator Bill Bradley.

After separating from the Air Force, Mr. Davison returned to college, earning a master's degree in psychology from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. He entered civil service in 1969, just as the Air Force was implementing the WAPS. The new promotion system included two important elements, the SKT and the PFE, both of which are still used today.

"I've been working with these tests now for more than 35 years, and I've come to appreciate them," Mr. Davison said.

Mr. Davison continued his military career through the Air Force Reserve as a security police officer, first with the 433rd Military Airlift Wing at Kelly AFB and then at Headquarters 10th Air Force at Bergstrom AFB in Austin. While at 10th AF, he was a member of the Air Force Reserve rifle and pistol team, competing



Edwin Davison

against teams from around the world. Colonel Davison retired from the Reserve in 1990 as a Director of Security Police at HQ 10th AF.

Without reserve duties to fill his time, Mr. Davison co-authored a book related to one of his hobbies, the accordion. He has sold several thousand copies of "The Golden Age of the Accordion."

Mr. Davison said he and his wife, Patricia, will now enjoy traveling and visiting their children and seven grandchildren.

Base youth center observes National Kid's Day

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The base youth center is celebrating the third annual National Kid's Day Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The celebration is open to families of active duty members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and contractors.

"The event has been held on base for the past two years and is becoming more popular every year," said Christine Fussell, youth center assistant

director. "We had 250 kids and family members attend last year, and we hope to have even more this year."

The event will have something for everyone, said Ms. Fussell. Families and kids can participate in cooking projects and games, listen to live entertainment, enjoy bouncy inflatables and much more.

Children and their families are welcome to attend the event, said Ms. Fussell.

"We want to encourage parents and family members to enjoy the event with their children," she said. "This is a perfect opportunity for the entire

family to spend some time together."

Families are asked to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy during the event.

"National Kid's Day is a great way for parents to enjoy their children, if for no other reason, than because they are here," said Ms. Fussell.

National Kid's Day is a day set aside annually to celebrate and honor America's children by spending time with them. The day is normally held on the first Sunday in August, although the youth center is choosing to celebrate it on the first Saturday of the month.

For more information, call 652-2088.

Sessions help returned military members ease back into routines

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Returning from deployment can be a happy time for the military member and their family, but it can also be a time full of stress and questions. This is where the family support center comes in.

The Randolph Family Support Center provides Return Deployment Training twice per month for members returning from deployment, as well as their spouses.

"During the training session, we talk about issues relating to returning from deployments, such as stress,

reintegration with family and friends, and how it affects children," said Master Sgt. Todd Remington, family support center NCO in charge of readiness.

While the training is mandatory for military members returning from a deployment, it's not mandatory for those returning from a remote assignment, but they are welcome to attend.

"We really encourage spouses to attend the training as well," said Sergeant Remington. "Not only may they have concerns, but the training can help them recognize indicators of potential troubles."

Spouses are a big part of the

transitioning process for the military member, said the sergeant. They sometimes have just as many questions and concerns as the member does.

The next return training is scheduled for Tuesday at noon at the family support center.

"This is great training for the individual," said Staff Sgt. Gary Smith, 12th Security Forces Squadron K-9 dog handler, who recently attended the training. "You will take a lot of information with you. It was helpful in my integration back, in both my social and military life."

Seventy slots are open in each session. Sessions are normally held at noon and 5 p.m., making it easier for spouses to

attend, said the sergeant.

"A lot of what is covered in the sessions is a refresher for the military member and the spouse," said Sergeant Remington. "Transitioning back into old routines takes time and patience, and we can help with that."

Jean Meyer is a military spouse who has attended the session.

"I found the session helpful, and I think it's really beneficial for both the military member and spouse to attend," said Ms. Meyer. "It addresses a lot of issues that you may encounter upon the return of your spouse - issues that you may not have thought you would come across."

For more information, call 652-5321.

Youth center provides hub of activity for kids

By Jennifer Valentin
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The youth center provides everything for the young ones on base, from sports and lessons to games and clubs, to keep them happy and coming back for more. With about 1,700 children in one place, the staff at the Randolph Youth Center always makes sure to keep them busy, whether it's with new activities or clubs that have been around for years.

"The youth center serves as a place for youth of all backgrounds to hang out and express themselves in a positive and safe environment," said Chris Fussell, youth center assistant director. "We provide an environment that encourages their involvement in the arts, sports, fitness, life skills, secondary education, career development and social interaction with their peers."

The Randolph Youth Center also offers a variety of clubs for the children to choose from, said Ms. Fussell. They include Teen Supreme, SmartGirls, Torch Club, School Age Program (before-and-after school program), Youth Employment Skills program, SWOOSH Boys and Girls Club programs, Keystone Boys and Girls Club program, Congressional Award program, Career Explorer's Club, job search club, Nike Participating in the Life of Americans Youth program, the teen volunteer program, and the Teaching Responsible Adolescents In Leadership program.

The youth center offers a variety of sports for its members to choose from, such as football, basketball, baseball, bowling, softball and volleyball. Basketball is



Brittany Everage (left) and Rebecca White assemble puzzles at the youth center. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

offered from January to March, football is offered from September to December, baseball and softball are offered from April to June, bowling is offered from September to March, volleyball is offered from September to October, and instructional volleyball is offered from July to August.

The center also offers classes that teach cheerleading, gymnastics, karate, drum, dance, cooking, guitar and piano. The cheerleading classes are offered from September to December.

"Our members have a wide variety of activities to choose from," said Ms. Fussell. "We have a great selection of classes, clubs and sports to suit everyone's individual tastes."

The youth center houses a state-of-the-art gymnastics room, a dance and karate room, an indoor basketball and volleyball court, an outside sports

court, separate teen and pre-teen rooms, a computer resource room and a playground structure that holds 300 kids.

Some of the events the youth center hosts annually for the base include Fam-A-Ganza, Halloween Hi-jinx, an Easter Egg Hunt, National Kid's Day, National Let's Just Play Day, Family Teen and Talent Contest, Jump Rope For Heart, Mother and Daughter Tea, America's Kids Run and an annual open house.

Dependents, ages 9-18, of active duty members, retired military members or Department of Defense civilian personnel can join the youth center.

"The youth center is a lot of fun," said Kristin Briggs, youth center member. "Because it gives you so many activities, you're never bored!"

During summer, the hours of the center are as follows: Pre-teens - Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Teens - Monday through Thursday from 1-5:45 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., Friday from 1-5:45 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

During the school year, following the Randolph Field Independent School District's schedule, the hours are as follows: Pre-teens - Monday through Thursday from 5:30-7 p.m., Friday from 5:30-10 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Teens - Monday through Thursday from 4-8 p.m., Friday from 4-5:45 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Preteens are ages 9-12 while teens are ages 13-18.

The youth center facility is located in Building 585 on F Street East. For more information, call 652-3298.

FCC program offers daycare alternative

By Jennifer Valentin
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Quality child care is a high priority for working parents, and the Randolph Family Child Care program keeps that in mind by providing great care and flexibility for parents working and living on base.

Military family members living in base housing or those who have become affiliated off base operate the family child care homes.

Some family child care homes open as early as 6:30 a.m. and some don't close until after 6 p.m. Other homes offer overnight and weekend care, providing more options to parents with unusual work schedules.

"The high quality of child care starts with the licensing standards that exceed those of the state of Texas," said Essie Howard, FCC coordinator. "Monthly inspections from the family child care staff ensure the provider is focused on the welfare and needs of the children."

Providers are trained in health, safety, CPR, first aid and child development. Providers may accept up to six children with no more than two children under two years of age. The FCC program provides a small comfortable setting for children up to age 12.

"Serving a small number of children and their families provides a benefit," said Ms. Howard. "It

offers the children a head start in achieving good personal relationships. The homes are comfortable environments where children play, eat, sleep and interact with each other."

Learning is a natural part of a child's day, added Ms. Howard. Writing grocery lists, setting the table, and helping prepare meals are all opportunities to read, write and count. These skills will help them in future education.

Air Force Instruction 34-276 prohibits the use of family quarters for child care unless licensed by the 12th Mission Support Group commander.

The Randolph FCC program currently has two providers on base and eight providers off base, due to base housing construction projects.

Active duty military members, Air National Guard members and Air Force Reserve members who routinely deploy on a short term basis in support of contingency operations, for a minimum of 30 cumulative calendar days within a six month period, are eligible for free care in an FCC home. The care is limited to no more than 16 hours per child, and children must be 12 years old or younger. The care must be used within 30 days of returning from deployment, said Ms. Howard.

The FCC program also provides assistance to members who are within 60 days of a PCS, whether to or from Randolph. Twenty hours of free childcare, per child, is available to Air Force members of all ranks.



Criscinda Rivera, Randolph Family Child Care provider, takes care of children as part of the provider program. Ms. Rivera has been a provider since 1989. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

"This allows the members to pack or unpack, get settled or take care of any unfinished business before they leave," said Ms. Howard.

To obtain a current list of licensed family child care providers or affiliated providers off base, or for more information on the program, call 652-3668.

Life Line of Support

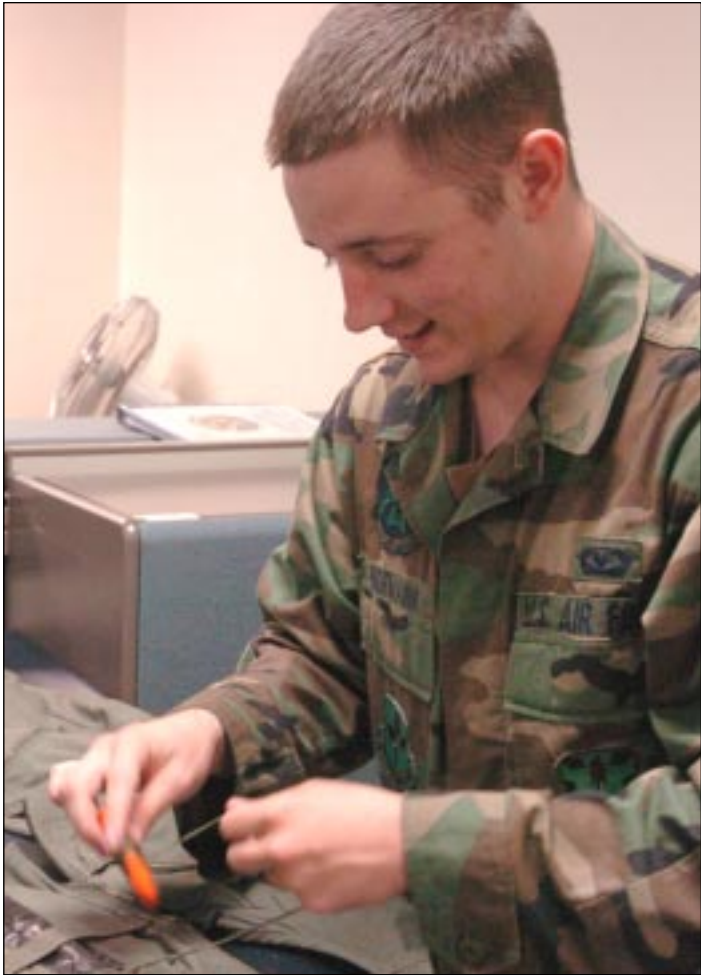
The life support specialists with the 12th Operations Support Squadron are responsible for ensuring the safety in flight of all pilots and aircrew. They maintain personal life support equipment for the aircrews, which includes helmets, oxygen masks, parachutes, anti-G suits and survival equipment. In addition, the specialists ensure the aircrews fully understand the operation of the ejection seats.



Staff Sgt. Tom DeLong, 12th Operations Support Squadron, coaches two pilots through part of their life support systems check out. The pilot on the left is checking out how the parachute shroud lines can be maneuvered for a safe landing and the other pilot is practicing the fit of the T-37 seat belt over his personal equipment. (Photos by Steve White)



Senior Airman Sonny Celestin, 12th OSSO life support specialist, adjusts the fit of an oxygen mask on one of the pilot instructor trainees.



Airman First Class Jeff Hofmann, 12th OSS life support specialist, makes sure the webbing of an anti-G garment is properly positioned before a pilot wears it on a mission.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Volleyball coaches needed

The Randolph men and women varsity volleyball programs need qualified people to coach teams for the 2006 season, which lasts three to five months. Interested people can e-mail Rick Prado at rick.prado@randolph.af.mil or call 652-2955

3-on-3 basketball tournament

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament takes place at the fitness center Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is open to all Department of Defense identification cardholders age 18 years and older. Pre-registration is today through Wednesday at the fitness center.

Cardio endurance challenge

Fitness center members can compete in the Cardio Endurance challenge Aug. 8-15. Participants keep a scoreboard of how many cardiovascular exercise machines and aerobic classes they try. This program is open to all Department of Defense identification cardholders age 16 years and older.

Golf clinic

A free golf clinic for retirees takes place held Aug. 13 from 9-11 a.m. at the golf course. For more information, call 652-4570.



GOLF STANDINGS

as of July 25

TEAM	POINTS
12 LRD	43.0
AETC SC/CSS	39.0
AFSAT-SVS	36.5
AFPC	31.5
19 AF	30.5
AETC DO-IG	28.0
AFMA	23.5
AETC LG	15.5
12 CS	14.0
AFRS	8.5



SOFTBALL STANDINGS

as of July 26

MON-WED INTRAMURAL

	W	L
AETC/DO	7	2
12 CS	7	2
AFRS	6	2
562nd D FLT	4	4
12 MDG	1	8
12 SFS	1	8

TUE-THU INTRAMURAL	W	L
AFPC	8	2
562nd Instructors	7	2
12 CON/AFMA	6	4
AETC/DP	5	4
562nd C FLT	2	8
12 CES	2	9

EXTRAMURAL	W	L
DPP	5	1
AFOMS	5	1
AFRS	5	1
AFMA	3	3
AFAA	3	3
12 CPTS	2	4
DPAA	1	5
12 MSS	0	5

The Wingspread is looking for a sports string writer to cover base sporting events. Interested people can contact the Wingspread editor at 652-5760.